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**FILE No.** 0828

William D. Allen.  
Deputy State Comptroller.

**NAME****DATE**

12 - 6 - 20.

In reply refer to  
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DRAWER  
AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE

American Consulate General,  
Shanghai, China, June 20,

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
C. & S. D. REGISTRATION  
No. S. B. D. 828

1930. 25-7-30

Subject: Inquiries re Charles "Sunset" Cox  
and William D. Allen.

R. C. Aiers, Esquire,  
Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
Criminal Investigation Department,  
P. O. Box 158, Shanghai.

Sir:

\* See S. B.  
D. 1357  
Please accept my sincere thanks for your letters  
of June 11 and 16, 1930, concerning William D. Allen  
and Charles "Sunset" Cox.  
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Very respectfully yours,

*Edwin S. Cunningham*  
Edwin S. Cunningham  
American Consul General.

*See  
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**CONFIDENTIAL  
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
C. I. D. REGISTRY  
No. L. O. D. 828  
Date... 12-6-30.

**Confidential.**

**June**

**11**

**30.**

**Sir,**

I have the honour to refer to your letter No. 8002. CDS:ELM, dated June 6, 1930, and to inform you that William D. Allen arrived in Shanghai from Hongkong by the s.s. "Angares" on April 11, 1930. After residing for one night in the Navy Y.M.C.A., Szechuen Road, he removed on April 12 to the Chinese Y.M.C.A. where he occupied room No. 16. Soon after his arrival here, he got into touch with several mysterious Indians, Chinese and Japanese and visited various addresses at which Europeans rarely call. The Indians with whom he was in touch included an employee of the China Press named Krappa who is known to be hostile both to the British Government and Municipal Police. On one occasion Krappa and Allen went together to the Sikh Gurdwara. Allen's Chinese associates included several persons of the student type who live in Jukong Road and in an alleyway off Scott Road. Some of the Japanese with whom Allen has been seen frequent the Great China Restaurant, No. 168 Szechuen Road, and the Oriental Hotel, Nanking Road.

On May 24 Allen left the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and removed to the Hongkew Hotel, North Szechuen Road, where he was joined by his wife who is believed to have arrived in Shanghai on May 23. On June 1 Allen and

his wife went to Nanking and put up at the Central Hotel, a Chinese establishment. They remained there until 10 p.m. June 3 when they left for Hangchow where they put up at the West Lake Hotel. They returned to Shanghai on June 6 and left three days later for Tientsin by the "Tientsin Maru" travelling as 3rd class passengers. While in Nanking, Allen and his wife paid two visits to the Far Eastern Oppressed Peoples Association which is composed mainly of anti-British and Communist Indians.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Deputy Commissioner  
(Crime & Special Branches).

Edwin S. Cunningham, Esq.,  
American Consul-General,  
Shanghai.

Confidential.

June 11

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My Dear Steptoe

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I forward herewith for your information a copy of a memorandum on the subject of the arrival and departure from Shanghai of William D. Allen, together with some particulars of his movements whilst here. The full file giving an account of the watch on Allen is at your disposal at any time you wish to see it.

Yours sincerely,

*L. H. H.*

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May 21, 1930

W.D. Allen arrived in Shanghai from Hongkong at 12 noon April 11th on the s.s. "Angoras." He resided for one night at the Navy Y.M.C.A., Sze Chun Road, and the following day, April 12th, removed to the Chinese Y.M.C.A., where he occupies room No. 16.

During his stay in Shanghai it is known that he has been in contact with an Indian named Erappa, formerly connected with the China Press, Kiangling Road, and they are known to have visited the Indian Clubhouse, Paoshan Road on May 2nd. On that date Allen and Erappa met two Indians (Sikhs) one of whom is employed as a watchman at No. 16 Museum Road. Papers were passed between them and examined after which all entered into a lively conversation.

Allen is also connected with several Chinese students who live in the 2nd alleyway off Scott Road. These Chinese are probably studying at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. He has also been frequently seen with two Chinese who reside at No. 2089 Jukong Road. Their names, etc. are at present unknown, but enquiries are being made with a view to establishing their identity.

On several occasions he has been seen in company with two Japanese whom he occasionally meets at the Great China Restaurant, No. 188 Sze Chun Road. These two Japanese frequent the Oriental Hotel, Wundin Road, and are known to have met Chinese of the student type in a Chinese Restaurant on Pootung Road. One of the Chinese met at this restaurant is said to be Japanese.

Wang Wei-wong (汪智廣), native of Anhui, has also been seen in Allen's company. This person is a graduate of the Shanghai College and is now working there as an accountant. He has a brother employed in the American Oriental Trading Corporation.

Places frequented by Allen are as follows:- Navy Y.M.C.A., Great China Restaurant, Capitol Theatre, Chinese Post Office, Astor Hotel and Palace Hotels. He has also paid visits to the

North Railway Station and to the Postal Remittance and Saving Bank, No. 5 Foochow Road. It is believed that he made an unsuccessful attempt to cash a cheque at this place.

On May 24th Allen removed to the Hongkew Hotel, North Szechuen Road, where he occupied room No. 147 with his wife, who is believed to have arrived in Shanghai the previous day. On June 1st he and his wife left for Nanking and resided at the Central Hotel ( Chinese ) until 10 p.m. June 3rd, when they left for Hangchow. During Allen's visit to Nanking he is known to have paid two visits to the offices of the Far Eastern Oppressed People's Association. The purpose of their visit to Hangchow is unknown, but while there they resided at the "West Lake" Hotel, returning to Shanghai on June 6th.

On June 9th they both left for Tientsin/<sup>3rd Class</sup> on the S.S. "Tientsin Maru."



SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

~~CLERK - HEADQUARTERS~~

*Special*

BRANCH.

Shanghai,

June 7, 1921

To

Foreign Section,

Please furnish  
data early. It  
will be necessary to  
give a brief resume  
of Allen's movements  
and doings from the  
time first arrived

In reply refer to  
800B COS:NLH

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AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE

American Consulate General,  
Shanghai, China, June 6, 1930.

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject:     Inquiries regarding William D. Allen.

R. C. Aiers, Esquire,  
Assistant Commissioner of Police,  
Director of Criminal Investigation Department,  
18 Hankow Road,  
Shanghai, China.

Sir:

It will be sincerely appreciated if you can supply this office with the most recent information you have concerning one William D. Allen, regarding whom this office has had several previous communications with your department.

Yours faithfully,

*Edwin C. Cunningham*  
Edwin C. Cunningham,  
American Consul General.

*Frank Lamm*

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Foreign Section, Station,

Date June 10, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S. Marshall.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

Sir,

Allen was searched by him, with 1st Lt. J. J. Tinsley, 3rd class, on the S.S. "Tinsley" on June 10th.

*CH. J. Tinsley*

D. J.

D. J.

(D. J. Tinsley)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Foreign Section, Station,

Date June 10, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S. Varnell.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

June 8th.

Allen and his wife left their room at 10 a.m. and returned at 2 p.m., accompanied by two foreigners of both sexes. They remained in the room until 2.55 p.m. when they left, proceeding along North S. Suen Road, in a private motor car bearing No. 1021. At 3.40 p.m. Allen and his wife returned. At 5.50 p.m. the aforementioned two foreigners visited Allen again, leaving instantly with Allen's wife in the motor car mentioned above. Allen then got into a rickshaw, proceeding to the Japanese Restaurant, 1231 West Bund, An Li Alleyway, 223 Woosung Road, arriving there at 7.15 p.m. At 9.15 p.m. the two foreigners, who had some time been there with Allen's wife, left this Restaurant in their private motor car, and Allen and his wife left also in two rickshaws for the Hongkew Hotel, arriving there at 9.35 p.m. Watch continued on Allen until 10.30 p.m., but nothing further was observed. The two agents were informed by the Hongkew Hotel detectives that Allen and his wife are leaving Shanghai at 6 a.m. June 9th in the s.s. "Tientsin Maru" for Tientsin, from where they expect

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to reach Peking in the near future.  
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one T. Kennedy, Public School 100 Pong.

*M. J. Donnelly*

D. J.

D. J.

(D. J. Donnelly)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Foreign Section Station,

Date June 10, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S. Kennell.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

June 7th.

Allen was out, leaving his wife in the room, when the two agents reached the Tongkew Hotel at 2 p.m. It was later learned that Allen left his room at 6.30 a.m. Watch was terminated at 11.00 a.m. Allen not seen.

M.H. Canacci.

D. C.

D. C.

(D. S. Branches)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Foreign Section. Station,

Date June 10, 1930.

Subject (in full) W. A. Allen W. D. Allen.

Made by D. S. Varndell.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

June 10th.

At 8.40 p.m. a Foreigner, age about 50, short build, dark features, visited Allen. After a brief conversation, this Foreigner left the Hotel together with Allen and his wife. At 11.30 p.m. they were waiting at Szechuen Road, they got into rickshaw and proceeded to the "New Royal Cafe," 5 to 6 Rue Chu Pao Son, French Concession, arriving there at 9.55 p.m. At 11.50 p.m. Allen and his wife left by rickshaw for the Hun New Hotel. The other Foreigner was not seen to leave the above-mentioned Cafe.

*M. H. London*  
D. S.

D. C.

(C. & S. Branches)

EXPENSES INCURRED ON WATCH ON ALLEN.

From Hongkew Hotel to New Royal Cafe, Rue Chu Pao San \$.40  
From New Royal Cafe to Hongkew Hotel..... .40  
From Hongkew Hotel to 153 Woosung Road.(2 Agents)..... .20  
From Woosung Road to Hongkew Hotel.(2 Agents)..... .20  
Total.....\$1.20  
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*M. J. Conner*

D. S.



**EXPENSES INCURRED ON WATCH ON ALLEN.**

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From Hongkew Hotel to New Royal Cafe, Rue Chu Pao Sam	\$ .40
From New Royal Cafe to Hongkew Hotel.....	.40
From Hongkew Hotel to 153 Woosung Road.(2 Agents).....	.20
From Woosung Road to Hongkew Hotel.(2 Agents).....	.20
Total.....	\$1.20

D. S.

EXPENSES OF TWO AGENTS AT NANKING.

From Shanghai to Nanking, June 3rd, night express, returned tickets.....	\$13.44.
Motor car hires, time, 5.15 hours.....	12.50.
Smoking expenses in hotel.....	7.40.
Tiffin, June 4th.....	1.50.
Supper, " .....	2.50.
Tea, " afternoon.....	.50.
Tiffin, June 5th.....	2.50.
Supper, " .....	2.20.
Tea, " afternoon.....	.60.
Richha cigarettes, etc.....	5.00.
Stamp.....	.16.
Total.....	\$48.00.

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D. S. I.

*O.K. Jan 6 1907*

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H. J. Green for H. S.*

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**SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.**

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**REPORT**

Foreign Section Station,

Date June 7, 1930.

Subject (in full) W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by

Sir,

With reference to attached, two agents were sent to Hankow on June 2nd and returned to Shanghai on June 6th. They report that Allen and his wife occupied room 113 of the Central Hotel (Chinese) until 10 p.m. June 5th when they left Hankow for the night express for Shanghai.

Enquiries at Hankow indicated that Allen had visited the offices of the Far East Anti Oppressed People Association.

On the morning following his arrival in Shanghai, enquiries were made at the Hankow Hotel, but Allen had not returned. On the 6th June Allen and his wife arrived. An examination of their luggage showed that they had visited Hankow and had resided at the "West Lake" Hotel.

*Wheeneay*

D. S. I.

D. S. I.

(C. C. S. Branches)

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**SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.**

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

**REPORT**

Foreign Section, Station,

Date June 3, 1930.

Subject (in full) W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

Sir,

Allen accompanied by his wife left Shanghai  
on June 1st for Nanjing. He stated he would  
return on Saturday, June 7th.

D. S. I.

D. S.

(C. & S. Branches)

*DL (C. & S. Branches)*

*Information*

*W.D.*

*3/6/30*

*Ken*  
*3/6*

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Dixwell Road Station,

Date 30th May 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W. D. Allen.

Made by D. S. Shields.

Forwarded by A. D. Dwyer, Insp.

Sir,

I beg to report that information was received from Det. S/I Duncan attached to the Political Dept. Foreign Section that above mentioned is suspected to be keeping company with Chinese communists and that they meet in alleyways off the Scott Road and in the vicinity of the Y.M.C.A. Quarters. A watch has been kept each day, but nothing has been seen of this man Allen. There are a number of students lodging in houses in the alleyways off Scott Road but these are all in Chapei, this duty is being continued.

I am, Sir,

Yours Obediently,

J. J. Shields.

D. S.

Divisional Detective Officer,

"C" Division.

RECEIPT.

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Received from D.S.I. Duncan the sum of \$25.00 being the sum due me for services rendered from May 1920 to May 1921 inclusive.

*A Kraft*  
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2/12 1922.

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**SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.**

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

**REPORT**

Foreign Section, Station,

Date May 29, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

On May 24th Allen removed to the Hongkew Hotel, North Szechuen Road, where he occupies Room 146 with his wife. It appears she arrived in Shanghai on or about May 23rd, and as she could not put up at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Allen engaged a room in the above hotel. He mentioned to the proprietor that he expected to leave for Nanking in the near future.

Constant watch was discontinued on May 24th on account of Allen being obviously aware of the presence of the agent. His movements are, however, being kept in touch with and anything of interest will be duly reported.

Enquiries are being made with a view to tracing the actual date and means of arrival of his wife.

*Wheunsa*

D. S. I.

D. C.

(C. & S. Branches)

*D.C. (C. and S. Branches)*

*Information and  
favor of return.*

*29/5*  
*29:5:30*



SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Foreign Section, Station,

Date May 29, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

May 21st. Allen was not seen on May 21st.

May 22nd. At 7 p.m. Allen left the Chinese Y.M.C.A., walked to corner of Peking and Szechuen Roads, then walked to the Navy Y.M.C.A., where he remained for a few minutes, and then returned to the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Was not seen up to 11 p.m. when the watch was terminated.

May 23rd. Allen was seen inside the Chinese Y.M.C.A. at about 9.45 p.m. and was not seen to leave the premises until 10.30 p.m. when the watch was terminated.

May 24th. Allen was not seen the whole evening.

*D. S. I. Duncan*

D. S. I.

D. S.

(C. & S. Branches)

*[Handwritten signature]*

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Foreign Section, Station,

Date May 28, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

With reference to attached No. 2089 Jukong Road should read No. 306 Jukong Road. No. 2089 is a special Chapei water number.

This house is occupied by a Cantonese named Wang, who is employed in the Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China. He has four sons one of whom is a boy of about 17 years of age. He is a student in the Kwong Chao Public School (Cantonese Guild Public School), Foh Teh Li off North Szechuen Road, Chapei.

*D. S. I.*  
D. S. I.

D. S. I.

(C. & S. Branches)

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**REPORT**

Foreign Section, Station,

Date May 21, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

May 20th. At 7.20 p.m. Allen was seen in the reading room of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. speaking with six Chinese students.

At 8.50 p.m. he left the Y.M.C.A. and walked to the Navy Y.M.C.A. where he met the Chinese mentioned in yesterday's (19-5-30) report as the 1st Chinese. They sat at a table together and during their conversation Allen was heard to refer to some unknown person who was expected to arrive on the 17th, but it was now the 20th and he had not turned up.

At 9.35 p.m. Allen and this Chinese left the Navy Y.M.C.A. Allen entered the Chinese Y.M.C.A., while the Chinese proceeded by ricksha to No. 2089 Jukong Road. The agent then returned to the Y.M.C.A. and kept watch until 11 p.m., but nothing further was observed.

*Duncan*  
D.S.I.

D. C.  
(C. & S. Branches)

*Information, and favour of return so that exhaustive inquiry may be made about No. 2089 Jukong Road by the Chinese Section.*

*21.3.30.*

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REPORT

Foreign Section, Station,

Date May 20, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

May 19th. At 3.20 p.m. Allen left the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and walked to the corner of Range and North Szechuen Roads, where he met a Chinese, aged about 18 years, rather tall, thin build, good looking, wearing European grey suit with white stripes, brown shoes, dark grey hat, wearing glasses. Allen and this Chinese walked to the Isis Theatre, where they met a second Chinese, whose description is as follows:- Aged about 20 years, medium height, thin build, wearing European blue jacket, chocolate coloured trousers, black shoes, no hat, hair brushed back. Allen and these two Chinese bought tickets and went into the Theatre.

At 5.50 p.m. they came out from the Theatre, and Allen and the 1st Chinese walked South along North Szechuen Road, while the second Chinese remained on the pavement nearby the Isis Theatre. Allen and 1st Chinese walked to the Y.M.C.A. and at 6.5 p.m. came out again. The Chinese had a bundle of papers under his arm. They conversed a little while on the pavement and then Allen went into the Y.M.C.A., and the Chinese walked to Szechuen Road Bridge, changed some money at the Exchange Shop, got into a ricsa, and proceeded to 477 North Szechuen Road, paid off his ricsa and entered this shop, where he bought some cigars. He then walked to Jukong Road and entered No. 2089. About 5 minutes

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later he came out in company with 2nd Chinese (who was with Allen at the Isis Theatre).

The 2nd Chinese went into the Dry Cleaning Store, <sup>next door to No. 2089 Jukong Road,</sup> ~~not~~ took a parcel and both returned to No. 2089 Jukong Road. The agent then returned to the Y.M.C.A.

At 9 p.m. Allen left the Y.M.C.A. and walked to the Navy Y.M.C.A., where he met the 1st and 2nd Chinese and joined them at their table.

At 9.40 p.m. Allen and these two Chinese left the Navy Y.M.C.A. and walked along North Szechuen Road, very slowly, being engaged in lively conversation. They proceeded to Range Road, stayed for about 10 minutes at the corner of Range and Szechuen Roads. Then they parted. Allen walked along North Szechuen Road, and these two Chinese got into rickshas and proceeded to Scott Road, where 1st Chinese went in the 2nd alleyway, off Scott Road, while the 2nd Chinese waited for him on Scott Road. (2nd alleyway is the same one, which was reported in previous reports, as having been visited by a Chinese once met with Allen).

After 10 minutes the 1st Chinese came out and joined his partner. They got into rickshas and proceeded to No. 2089 Jukong Road, where they were met by three other young Chinese. They all entered this house. It was then 11.10 p.m.

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Station, \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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The watch terminated at 11.30 p.m. up to  
which time nothing further was observed.

*W. L. ...*  
D. S. I.

D. C.

(D. C. S. Member)

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**SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.**

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

**REPORT**

Foreign Section, Station,

Date May 29, 1930.

Subject (in full) Wat. R. on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan. Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

May 18th. At 6.15 p.m. Allen in company with a Chinese, (who was mentioned in previous reports on May 10, 1930, and whose description is as follows: aged about 35 years, medium, thin face, thin build, European grey suit, brown shoes, straw hat, having two parcels in his hands) entered the Chinese V.M.C.A.

At 7 p.m. a foreigner walked into the V.M.C.A. His description is as follows: Aged about 35 years, medium height, stout build, round face, clean shaven, hair brushed back, black suit, dark shoes, no hat.

At 8.10 p.m. this foreigner left the V.M.C.A. in company with the above-mentioned Chinese, and then immediately returned to the hall of the V.M.C.A. and conversed for about 1 minute. At this time another Chinese who came down from the V.M.C.A., approached them. His description is as follows: Aged about 30 years, medium height, thin build, grey Chinese gown, black shoes, straw hat. After a brief conversation with the Chinese who came down from the V.M.C.A., the foreigner called to the May V.M.C.A.

At 9 p.m. the Chinese, who entered the V.M.C.A. in company with Allen at 6.15 p.m., left the premises and walked to a building off Chapeau Road. The No. in this building is 405, and there is a board posted on the wall which reads,

*Handwritten:*  
May 29  
Duncan

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Station, \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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"Liang Yu Hsing, Dentist Surgeon."

This Chinese had his clothing changed, he was then dressed in a black suit.

At 9.30 p.m. the Chinese came out from this alleyway in company with an Indian, whose description is as follows: Aged about 25 years, medium height, thin build, thin clean shaven face, dark brown European suit, brown hat. They stood on pavement, conversing for about 5 minutes, then the Indian returned to the alleyway, and the Chinese walked to Woodlang Road, got into a rickshaw and proceeded to one of the Chinese restaurants on North Szechuen Road near Jukong Road, where he met two young Chinese, and joined them at a table. Both Chinese were dressed in Chinese clothing, hair combed down, aged about 25 years, both wearing dark sunglasses. One had blue Chinese gown, the other white. They all ate dinner, and about 11.30 p.m. left the Restaurant and all walked to Jukong Road and into Chinese territory. The agent was advised to follow this Chinese to station and returned at 11.45 p.m. with news received at 11 p.m.

D. S. I.

D. S.  
(D. S. Branches)

20.5.30



SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Foreign Section. Station,

Date May 19, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan. Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

May 17th. Watch was kept at the Y.M.C.A. from  
5 p.m. to 11 p.m., but Allen was not  
seen.

*Duncan*  
D. S. I.

D. C.  
(C. & S. Branches)

*J.H.S.*

*20:5:30*

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REPORT

Foreign Section, Station,

Date May 17, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

May 16th. At 11.5 a.m. Allen left the Chinese Y.M.C.A., put on sun glasses and walked along Szechuen Road to Hankow Road, returned to Kiukiang Road, stayed little while on the corner, carefully observing the vicinity, then walked along to the Bund, and entered the H. & S. Bank, stayed in the Hall for about 10 minutes, then walked out through the Foochow Road entrance, quickly got into a ricsa and proceeded along Foochow, Szechuen, Canton Roads, then along the Bund and returned back to Foochow Road. It was then 11.45 a.m. He then entered the Postal Remittance & Savings Bank, No. 5 Foochow Road, where he produced a cheque (of a pink colour) to a clerk, who did not cash it and returned the cheque to Allen. They conversed for a few minutes and Allen then left the Bank, got into a ricsa and proceeded along Szechuen Road, Nanking Road, along the Bund, along Soochow, and Hongkong Roads. He then entered the Navy Y.M.C.A., ordered a cup of coffee, and after a little while returned to the Y.M.C.A.

At 4.5 p.m. Allen was seen returning to the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in company with a Chinese student, who was mentioned in previous reports, as having visited St. John's University, Jessfield Road, and who resides off Scott Road.

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At 4.15 p.m. Allen and this Chinese student left the Y.M.C.A., got into ricsbas and proceeded to the North Railway Station, where they entered the Station Master's Office, spent there 5 minutes 5-minutes, and after hanging around the Station for about 15 minutes, looking at the time table boards, they got into ricsbas and proceeding to the corner of Range and North Szechuen Roads, entered the Russian Chocolate Shop, bought some cakes, and then returned to the Y.M.C.A. It was then 5.10 p.m.

At 7.20 p.m. Allen left the Y.M.C.A. in company with a Chinese, whose description is as follows: age about 20 years, medium height, thin face, thin build, black suit, black shoes, no hat. They both walked to Peking Road, then to Honan Road and entered a Chinese shop, 188 Honan Road, where they bought two small suit cases, then proceeded to 12a Honan Road, and bought some fruits. They then entered No. 142 Honan Road, Chinese wine shop, and after leaving, walked along Honan, Nanking and Szechuen Roads, and returned to the Y.M.C.A. It was then 8.15 p.m.

At 9.15 p.m. Allen in company with the same Chinese came out of the Y.M.C.A., walked to 262 North Szechuen Road (Chinese shop), and after a little while came out, having two packets.

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in Manila, and returned to the U.S.A. It  
was then 9.50 p.m.  
Watch was kept up until 11 p.m. by no means  
further was observed.

*W. H. C. I.*  
W. H. C. I.

D. C.  
(U. & S. Trans. Div.)

*W. H. C. I.*

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Foreign Section. Station.

Date May 16, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

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May 15th. Watch commenced at 5 p.m. and Allen  
was not seen until 7.50 p.m. when he  
returned to the Y.M.C.A. He was  
not seen to leave up to 11.30 p.m.  
when the watch terminated.

Whenean  
D. S. I.

D. C.  
(C. & S. Tranches)

*MS.*  
*20:5:20*

Memorandum.

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POLICE FORCE,  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai,

1936

To

*Lie*  
I have called on Mr Akagi at the Japanese Consulate since time to convey the information is Japanese in attack. Reports had have not yet found here in office.

R. C.

Oct 12

*Whelan*

R. C.

*Inform*

27 5.30  
Wk

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DRAWER**

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL P.  
C. I. D. REGIST.  
No. I. O. D. 828  
Date 12-6

Received from S.M.P. per D.S.I. Duncan \$55.10  
being pay and expenses from April 30th to May 15th inclusive.

14/5 1930.

B. Kragg

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REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE Station,  
C. I. D. REGIST.  
Dkt. No. D. 87, 1930.  
Date 1. 7. 30

Subject (in full) Watch on J. D. Allen.

Made by S. B. I. Municipal.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

Sir,

With reference to above, I respectfully reply  
for an advance of \$15.00 for the Russian agent. He  
has been on duty 16 days and with expenses for rickshaws etc.  
is entitled to \$55.00. Of this amount he has already  
been advanced \$10.00, but as a poor man he is again  
without funds.

*Librarian*

S. B. I.

D. C.

(D. C. Branch)

*Lt. (C. and Sp. Branches)*  
Subject to your approval,  
the information about the meeting  
with the Japanese will be conveyed  
to the Japanese Consulate.

*JKH*  
15/5/30.

Foreign Section,

For attention please

*JKH*  
16/5/30.

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*16/5/30*



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REPORT

Foreign Section, Station,

Date ~~May~~ 14, ..... 1930.

Subject (in full) ~~Watch on~~ W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

May 13th. At 6.35 p.m. a party of young Chinese,  
all of the student type, numbering about  
18, arrived at the Chinese Y.M.C.A.  
in the three motor cars, Nos. 17916,  
17917, 17918.  
Amongst them was one Chinese student,  
who was mentioned as having visited  
St. John's University on May 5, 1930.  
He left the Y.M.C.A. at 10.45 p.m.  
At 12 noon the watch was terminated,  
during all this time Allen was not  
seen.

*(Signature)*  
D. S. I.

D. S.

(C. & S. Branches)

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REPORT

Foreign Section Station,

Date May 15, 1950.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan. Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

May 14th.

Watch was commenced at 12.30 p.m.

At 6.20 p.m. Allen left the Y.M.C.A. and walked along Chapoo Road Bridge to the General Post Office, where he bought several stamps and posted a few letters. He then walked to the Capitol Theatre where he remained until 8.55 p.m. On leaving the Theatre, Allen walked into the Great China Restaurant, 188 Szechuen Road, where he ordered a cup of coffee and some cakes.

At 9.5 p.m. a Japanese (who was mentioned in the previous report, as having met Allen in the same Restaurant) entered the and sat down at Allen's table. They conversed until 9.35 p.m.

Then the Japanese left the Restaurant and walked to the General Post Office, where he entered a ricksha and proceeded to Peking Road Jetty, where he paid off his ricksha. He then walked to the Customs House and then to Nanking Road and the Bund corner. Here he boarded Omnibus No. 1, and proceeded to Thibet Road, where he alighted, got into a ricksha and proceeded to the Great Eastern Hotel, Thibet Road, which he entered and remained there until 10.35 p.m. He then walked to the Grand Hotel, Thibet Road, where he remained until 10.55 p.m. after which he proceeded by ricksha to the Oriental Hotel, Nanking Road. The agent then returned to the Y.M.C.A. and

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D. S. I.

D. C.

(C. & S. Branches)

Memorandum.POLICE FORCE.  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai. 14:5: 1930.  
To Foreign Section

Please inform  
Mr Okagi of the  
Japanese Consulate  
that Allen is here.  
Tell him we have kept  
a general watch on  
Allen's movements.  
Give him details of  
what we have  
observed in so far  
as the Japanese  
authorities are directly  
interested. In

J. T. G.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Foreign Section. Station,

Date May 13, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

May 12th. At 2.45 p.m. Allen left the Y.M.C.A. and walked to the Navy Y.M.C.A., where he remained until 3.20 p.m., and then returned to the Y.M.C.A.

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P. T. O.

doing this you must  
be very discreet.  
Don't show the file or  
reports to Mr. Okagi.  
By matters in which  
the Japanese Authorities  
are directly interested  
I mean ~~the~~ Allen's  
meetings with  
Japanese. J.R.

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At 10.15 p.m. an Indian, who was mentioned in yesterday's report (No. 1), wearing a grey overcoat, left the Y.M.C.A. and walked to No. 142 Szechuen Road, foreign boarding house, and was not seen leaving this address until 11.50 p.m., when the agent returned to the Y.M.C.A., where he kept watch until 12.15 p.m.

*W. K. ...*  
D. S. I.

D. C.  
(C. & S. Branches)

*13:5:30*

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**REPORT**

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Date May 12, 1930.

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Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

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May 11th.

At 5.35 p.m. 2 Indians departed from the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Their description is as under:- (1st) Aged about 35 years, of medium height and stout build, has round face with a small black mustache, was wearing grey hat, grey overcoat, black trousers and new brown shoes. (2nd) Aged about 30 years, tall, thin build, has thin long face and is clean shaven, was wearing dark grey hat, blue serge jacket, grey trousers and brown shoes, and carrying a walking stick, and a black leather portfolio. These two men engaged rickshas and proceeded via North Szechuen Road to the Gurdwara on Paoshan Road, Chapel, where they remained for about 20 minutes. Engaging rickshas they then proceeded direct to the Chinese Y.M.C.A. At which place they arrived at 6.40 p.m. About 10 minutes later they left this institution in rickshas and proceeded to an alleyway off Kumping Road between East Savant and Tongshan Roads. Owing to the large number of Indians standing near the mouth of the alleyway, the agent was unable to ascertain the number of the house visited by the two men he was following. The Chinese Y.M.C.A. was kept under observation from 5.35 p.m. until 12.5 a.m. 12-5-30 when the watch was terminated. Allen was not

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seen during the whole of the evening.

*A. Kounear*

D. S. I.

D. C.

(C. & S. Branches)

*[Handwritten signature]*

12:5:30.

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Foreign Section Station,

Date May 12, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

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May 10th. At 6.10 p.m. the Japanese who was mentioned in yesterday's report entered the Great China Restaurant, 188 Szechuen Road, and had a cup of coffee.

At 7.40 p.m. the other Japanese (who was also mentioned in yesterday's report, as having had a conversation with Allen in the Great China Restaurant, 188 Szechuen Road), left the Y.M.C.A. with a roll of papers in his hands. He walked to the Great China Restaurant and met the other Japanese. They sat down for about 10 minutes and then both came out of Restaurant, got into rickshas and proceeded to a Chinese Restaurant on Foochow Road near Chekiang Road corner, where they sat down and waited for about 15 minutes. Three Chinese then arrived. Descriptions:- 1st, aged about 25 years, medium height, stout build, round face, wearing dark glasses, no hat, wearing European black jacket, grey trousers, black shoes, and carrying a walking stick. 2nd, aged about 25 years, medium height, thin, long popping chin, face, does not look like a real Chinese, wearing straw hat, and Chinese grey silk gown, patent leather shoes. This person speaks Japanese. 3rd, aged about 25 years, short, thin, very yellow thin face, wearing straw hat, and Chinese black silk gown, Chinese shoes. These three Chinese entered

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the said Restaurant, and sat down at the table, occupied by the two Japanese. After a little conversation one of the Japanese produced a roll of papers, placed them on the table, and they all examined them and then the Japanese handed the papers over to the first Chinese. After a little while both Japanese left the Restaurant, while the three Chinese remained there. Both Japanese got into rickshas and proceeded to the Ningpo Guild, Thibet Road, but did not enter the premises. They then walked to the Sincere Theatre, Nanking Road, bought tickets and entered the Theatre where they remained until 11.20 p.m. They then left the theatre, walked around for a little time, and then returned to the Oriental Hotel. It was then 11.45 p.m. Watch was kept up until 12.10 p.m., but they were not seen to leave.

*A. L. L. L.*

D. S. I.

D. C.

(C. & C. Branches)

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Date May 10, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.D.I. Duncan.

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May 9th.

At 5.40 p.m. an Indian, about 20 years;

medium height; wearing brown European clothing;

grey hat and brown shoes; clean shaven, left

the Y.M.C.A. and joined another Indian who was

waiting outside the Y.M.C.A. Description of

second Indian is as follows:- very tall, thin,

long thin face, small beard, wearing white

turban and European style white palmbeach

clothing, black shoes. He about 35 years.

They both walked along Szechuen Road very slowly,

conversing together. When opposite the Apollo

Theatre, they got into rickshas and proceeded

to Paoshing Road, where they paid off rickshas

and walked to the Gurdwara. About 10 minutes

later the young Indian left the Gurdwara carrying

a small brown handbag. He walked to North

Szechuen Road where he got into ricksha and

proceeded to Peking Road, and there paid off

ricksha. He got into another and proceeded

to the Oriental Hotel, Nanking Road. The

young man returned to the Y.M.C.A.

At 7.1 p.m. Allen was seen in company with

a young Chinese, whose description is as follows:-

short thin build, thin pale face, hair brushed

back, he about 20 years, wearing European

black clothing, and black shoes. They

stayed about 10 minutes in the hall, conversing

lively. The Chinese then went upstairs.

Allen put on sun glasses and walked to Peking

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Road, then to Museum Road and slipped through an alleyway to Szechuen Road and entered the Great China Restaurant, 138 Szechuen Road. He ordered a cup of coffee and a little while later a Japanese joined Allen at the same table. Description of the Japanese:- short, thin build, pale thin long face, wearing glasses, aged about 25 years, grey hat, wearing European light brown suit and brown shoes. Allen and this Japanese were engaged in conversation until 2.45 p.m., and during this conversation the name Mr. Ikeda (?) was mentioned. The Japanese spoke a little English. During the conversation Allen handed the Japanese a piece of paper which appeared to be a single sheet of a letter. At 3.10 p.m. Allen left the Restaurant and walked to the Y.M.C.A., while the Japanese waited at the Restaurant for about 15 minutes and then came out. Another Japanese came in and the Japanese who had been waiting for him. Description of second Japanese:- age about 25, short, thin build, round face, wearing European light suit, light grey hat and brown shoes. Both Japanese walked to Peking Road, where they got 2 bicycles and proceeded down Nanling Road to the Town Hall, where they left the bicycles, but the coolies were not allowed to take the Japanese bicycles. G.P.O. 1700. (1700) (1700)

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scene and settled the difference. Both Japanese walked along Kwangse Road to Kiukiang Road, where they got into rickshas and proceeded to Foochow Road and Chekiang Road, where they paid off the rickshas and entered an alleyway on Foochow Road between Chekiang Road and Fokien Road. The name of this alleyway is not known, but there is a number, 182, posted on the house adjoining the entrance to this alleyway. In the alleyway they met a Chinese to whom one of the Japanese handed over a single sheet of a paper which looked like that received from Allen in the Great China Restaurant, 188 Szechuen Road. Both Japanese then came out of the alleyway, got into rickshas and proceeded to Nanking Road. They then bought tickets at the Sincere Theatre, and when they entered it was then 9.35 p.m. They left at 11.20 p.m. and entered the Oriental Hotel in the same building. The agent watched until 12.35 p.m. when the watch terminated.

At 10 p.m. while both Japanese were in the Sincere Theatre the agent went out and saw the young Indian who visited Allen at the Y.M.C.A. at 5.40 p.m. He came out from the Oriental Hotel and stood on the pavement about 5 minutes and then walked along Nanking Road to Thibet Road. The agent did not follow him, as he was watching the two Japanese.

  
D. S. I.

C. (C. &amp; S. Branches)

  
12.5.38



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REPORT

Foreign Section Station,

Date May 14, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

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May 8th.

Allen was not seen the whole day

nor were any suspicious persons

seen entering or leaving the

Y.M.C.A. up to 10 p.m. when

watch terminated.

*L. Duncan*

D. S. I.

D. C.

(C. & S. Branches)

*MS*  
*12-5-30*

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Foreign Section, Station,

Date May 12, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

May 7th. At 8.40 p.m. the agent arrived at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and later found Allen at the Navy Y.M.C.A., where he was engaged in writing letters.

At 9.35 p.m. Allen left the Navy Y.M.C.A. and walked into the Chinese Y.M.C.A. The agent kept this place under observation until 11 p.m., but Allen was not seen to leave.

*Liberty*  
D. S. I.

D. C.  
(D. S. S. Branches)

*[Handwritten signature]*  
12-5-30

May 7

30.

~~SECRET & CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Mr. Blackburn,

Further to my letter of April 14,  
I forward herewith a copy of a detective report  
dated May 6 giving a summarized account of the  
result to date of the watch on William Dangaik  
Allen.

Yours sincerely,

A. D. Blackburn, Esq.,  
H.B.K. Consulate-General,  
Shanghai.

*Of Information, a suspicious  
individual & showing the  
connection between American,  
Indian & Chinese.*

*7/5.*

*Ray*

*Duffy*

*9/5*

*J.H.*

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.  
**CONFIDENTIAL**  
REPORT

Foreign Section Station,

Date May 6, 19 30.

Subject (in full) William Dangaik Allen alias William Dangaize alias  
William Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by Thi Robertson

Sir,

William Dangaik Allen alias William Dangaize alias William  
Allen arrived in Shanghai on April 11th on the s.s. "Angers."  
He resided for one day at the Navy Y.M.C.A. and the following  
day, April 12th, he removed to the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Szechuen  
Road, where he now occupies Room No. 16.

Since his arrival observation has been kept on his movements.  
Nothing of much importance occurred until May 2nd prior to  
which his movements generally consisted of visits to the  
American Consulate, Post Office, Navy Y.M.C.A., Asbr and  
Palace Hotels. At 4.30 p.m. April 23rd he visited H.B.M.  
Consulate where he proceeded upstairs and remained for 20  
minutes.

Outside the Chinese Y.M.C.A. at about 5 p.m. on May 2nd,  
Allen met an Indian who is described as being of medium height,  
clean shaven, very dark face, wearing glasses, dressed in  
European light brown clothes, grey turban and brown shoes.  
Allen and this Indian entered into conversation and walked  
together along as far as Tiendong Road and Szechuen Road corner.  
Here the Indian took some papers from his pocket which he  
showed to Allen. After reading the papers, Allen tapped the  
Indian on the shoulder and seemed to be impressing something  
on him. They then walked to Szechuen and Haining Roads corner,  
where they met two other Indians, dressed in watchman uniform.  
One of them is employed at No. 15 Museum Road. All entered  
into conversation and the papers previously shown to Allen  
were again examined, after which they walked South along  
North Szechuen Road for a little way, when the two Indians met  
at Haining Road left Allen and his companion, who got into

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rickshas and proceeded to the Paoshan Road Gurdwara, arriving there at 9 p.m. They remained in the Gurdwara 15 minutes, and when they came out the Indian was seen to be carrying a bundle of papers. They entered rickshas and proceeded South along North Szechuen Road and when near the Odeon Theatre they met two Chinese of the student type, dressed in European clothes. They stopped and all conversed together for about 10 minutes, after which Allen and the Indian entered their rickshas and went as far as Range Road where the rickshas were paid off and they then parted, Allen walking South along North Szechuen Road. The Indian walked to the "Stella" restaurant, No. 159 Range Road, occupied by Mr. Kusmin, where he stopped until 10 p.m. He then left and entering a ricksha proceeded to the Si Ta Lee Terrace off Scott Road, and entered either No. 5, 6 or 7, but as the agent could not follow too closely he was not sure of the exact number. In about 2 minutes the Indian came out and proceeded by ricksha to 142 Szechuen Road (boarding house occupied by Mrs. Danford, American), where he remained for 15 minutes. When he left he did not have the bundle of papers received at the Gurdwara. He then proceeded to No. 15 Museum Road and spoke to the Indian Watchman there. This watchman was one of the two met at Haining Road and North Szechuen Road earlier in the evening. After a few minutes he left and proceeded as far as Kungping and Tongshan Roads corner where the agent lost sight of him owing to several motor cars getting in the way. It was then 11.15 p.m.

Subsequent enquiries at the "Stella" restaurant prove that the Indian was Erappa of the China Press.

At 9.55 p.m. May 3rd, two Indians (Sikhs) visited the

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Y.M.C.A. and remained for 8 minutes, but whether they visited Allen is not known. Descriptions:- (1st) Wearing white turban, European black suit, tall, round face. (2nd) Wearing blue turban, and jacket made of sun proof material, tall, medium build.

Since May 3rd nothing of special importance has been observed.

*D. S. I.*  
D. S. I.

D. C.  
(C. & S. Branches)

*Confidential*  
Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

Shanghai.

8:5: 1930.

To

*Foreign Section*

Please show this file to Supt. Robertson and seek the assistance of the Intelligence and Chinese Sections in establishing the identity of the Chinese with whom Allen is in touch.

Please ask assistance in accordance with instructions from D.C. (B.K.S.) regarding the students in the terrace off Scott Road.  
*[Signature]*

**SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.**

**REPORT**

Foreign Section, Station,

Date May 7, 1935.

Subject (in full) William W. Allen.

Made by D. C. I. Duncan.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

May 6th. At 3.45 p.m. Allen left the Y.M.C.A., put on  
coat, hat and walked to No. 20 Museum Road  
and remained there until 5.5 p.m., when he  
came out. He then walked to No. 5 Museum Road  
(Lugden), where he remained until 6 p.m.

On leaving the Museum he got into a rickshaw and  
proceeded over Szechuen Road Bridge to 162  
North Szechuen Road, (Chinese Consulate  
Shop). At 6.15 p.m. he left this shop and  
walked to the Y.M.C.A.

At 7 p.m. he left the Y.M.C.A., put on his  
coat, and entered the Navy Y.M.C.A., where  
he met two U.S. Marines. He conversed with them  
until 7.30 p.m., then he started to write  
letters and did so until 8.30 p.m. He then  
left, having written 5 letters, and walked to  
the Y.M.C.A.

At 8.30 p.m. Chinese policeman red police  
patrol (mentioned in Section 2's report, as  
having visited S. John's University) left the  
Y.M.C.A. and walked over Szechuen Road Bridge  
to Woohar Road, where No. 1 Woohar Road  
(the Navy Y.M.C.A.) is situated.

At 8.30 p.m. Chinese policeman red police  
patrol, who had been at the Y.M.C.A., proceeded  
over Szechuen Road to Szechuen Road and  
at the entrance to the 2nd Terrace, he met  
a group of Chinese students, and conversed  
with them until 10.30 p.m., when he left and  
walked in a rickshaw to his home.

OC (SR)  
Ask D.C. I. Duncan  
to report on this  
student in this  
territory.

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of students the agent could not enter the  
Terrace. The agent then returned to the  
Y.M.C.A., but nothing further was observed  
up to 11.35 p.m. when the watch terminated.

W. Luncars.  
D. S. I.

D. S. I.

(C. & S. Branches)



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Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

May 5th. At 11.40 a.m. a Chinese of the student type left the Y.M.C.A. (he was mentioned in yesterday's report, when he was followed by the agent from Y.M.C.A. to Scott Road). On leaving the Y.M.C.A. he got into a ricscha and proceeded along Szechuen Road to Rue du Consulat, where he boarded a tram car and proceeded to the corner of Avenue Joffre and Route Voyron. He there left the tram-car and entered No. 275 Avenue Joffre (Shanghai Chinese Medical Practitioners College), where he remained until 1.50 p.m., when he came out, got in a ricscha and proceeded along Avenue Joffre to Avenue du Roi Albert and then to Avenue Foch and to St. George's, Bubbling Well Road, where he paid off his ricscha, got into another and proceeded along Yu Yuen Road up to Jessfield Park, and entered No. 188 Jessfield Road (St. John's University). He arrived there at 3.15 p.m. and remained until 3.45 p.m. He then returned by ricscha to the Chinese Y.M.C.A. at 4.50 p.m. At 5.5 p.m. he came out again, got into a ricscha and proceeded along Szechuen Road to Scott Road and entered the same terrace as he did yesterday. At 7.40 p.m. a Chinese student, riding private ricscha No. 2522 (Licence in name of Lei

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Monr. No. 4/5 King Loong Ka off Canton Road), arrived at Y.M.C.A. (this Chinese was mentioned in last Sunday's report, when he walked with Allen to the Capitol Theatre). He came out at 8.35 p.m. and proceeded South along Szechuen Road. The watch was maintained from 11 a.m. to 9 a.m., during which time Allen was not seen.

D. S. I.

D. C.

(D. & S. Branches)

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Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by J.H. Robertson

May 4th.

At 4.50 p.m. Allen came out of the Y.M.C.A. in company with a Chinese who appeared to be a student. His description is as follows:- Medium height, thin, dark complexion, aged about 25 years, wearing dark foreign grey suit, no hat, and patent leather shoes. They walked to the Capitol Theatre, Soochow Road. At 7.3 p.m. they left the Theatre and returned to the Y.M.C.A. They remained in the Y.M.C.A. until 7.45 p.m. when they walked out and at the entrance met another Chinese, who arrived in a ricksha. Description of this Chinese is as follows:- tall, medium build, aged about 23 years, wearing foreign light grey suit, brown shoes, grey hat with black ribbon, clean shaven, white face. They stood on the pavement near the entrance of the Y.M.C.A., conversing until 8 p.m., when Allen with the first Chinese returned to the Y.M.C.A., and second Chinese got into a ricksha and proceeded over the Szechuen Road Bridge and along North Szechuen Road to the Jansen Piano Co., Nos 848 & 18A North Szechuen Road. He went in at 8.5 p.m. and came out at 9.10 p.m., got in ricksha and proceeded along North Szechuen Road. Not far from Dixwell Road he stopped his ricksha and approached a motor car No. 2112,

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spoke to two men who were sitting in the  
motor car, for about 15 minutes, and  
then got in ricksha and proceeded to  
Scott Road, where he entered the second  
terrace, but the agent was unable to find  
the number of the house entered.  
Watch terminated at 11.30 p.m.  
Motor car No. 2112 is the property of  
Wong Pau Sheng, No. 143 Wing On Terrace,  
North Szachuen Road. Signature, P.S.  
Wong.

*Whe...*  
D. S. I.

C.

(C. & S. Branches)

*Foreign Section,*

*Please prepare the summary  
in accordance with verbal instructions.  
Please show these reports to L. J. Robertson  
and the Chinese section. The Chinese  
Section should assist in making  
inquiries about the suspicious Chinese  
who are in touch with Allen.*

*J.H.S.*  
*5/5/30*

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Foreign Section, Station,

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May 3rd. At 7.15 p.m. Allen left the Y.M.C.A.,  
got into a ricksha and proceeded along  
Szechuen, North Szechuen, Boone and Seward  
Roads to the Bund, stopped at the entrance  
of the Palace Hotel, went in and then  
disappeared. Probably slipped out through  
Nankin Road entrance.  
At 9.35 p.m. two Indians (Sikhs) entered  
the Y.M.C.A. and remained for 8 minutes.  
Descriptions:- (1st) Wearing white turban,  
European black suit, tall, fair complexion.  
(2nd) Wearing blue turban jacket made of  
sun proof material, tall, medium build.  
They proceeded along North Szechuen Road,  
where the agent lost sight of them.  
It was then 11 p.m. when the watch  
terminated.

*D. S. I.*

D. S. I.

D. C.

(C. & S. Branches)

*[Handwritten signature]*  
S.S.

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Foreign Section, Station,

Date May 4, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

May 2nd. Allen left the Y.M.C.A. at 12.35 p.m. and walked along Soochow Road to the Capitol Theatre where he stopped for a few minutes and appeared to be taking careful observation of the vicinity. He then walked to the American Consulate. Remained there for about 5 minutes and came out with a letter which he read as he walked along Whangpoo Road. He finished reading the letter and returned to the Chinese Y.M.C.A. via Bund, through grounds of U.P.L. Consulate to Wan Ming Yuan Road, Museum Road and Hongkong Road.

At 11.00 a.m. two Chinese entered the Chinese Y.M.C.A. (1st) dressed in black Chinese dress, black hat, tall, and about 35, strong build and had the appearance of a laborer. (2nd) dressed in Chinese blue cotton clothes and brown hat, strong build, cadaverous face with red blotches caused by peeling of skin.

At 2.45 p.m. Allen left the Y.M.C.A. and walked to the Universal Picture Corporation, No. 217 Szechuen Road. He remained there 30 minutes and then returned to the Y.M.C.A., where he met the two Chinese mentioned above. Allen talked to them for about 2 minutes, and they then separated. Allen returned to Y.M.C.A., while the two Chinese walked to a fruit shop, No. 1138 Wansbury Road, where they remained for a few minutes and then walked to Hsia Road where they lost sight of

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them.

Allen again left the Y.M.C.A. at 3.30 p.m. and visited the Y.M.C.A. Barber Shop, afterwards walked to Hongkong Road and entered 225 Szechuen Rd "Eagle Drug Co." (Chinese) and then returned to Y.M.C.A. At 4.30 p.m. he left the Y.M.C.A. and walked along Szechuen Road to North Soochow Road, to Chapoo Road Bridge, where he crossed over to Soochow Road and remained for a few minutes at the entrance of the Capitol Theatre. He then proceeded to the Navy Y.M.C.A. which he entered by the Szechuen Road door and in a few minutes left by the Hongkong Road entrance. He then took a ricscha and proceeded to the Peking Road Jetty where he paid off the ricscha and walked through the Public Gardens (did not speak to anyone there). Left Public Gardens by North entrance and returned to Y.M.C.A. at 6.5 p.m.

At 7.55 p.m. left Y.M.C.A. and proceeded in a ricscha to 162 North Szechuen Road (Chinese Fruit Store). He stayed there for about 20 minutes and then returned to Y.M.C.A. On arrival at entrance of Y.M.C.A. he met an Indian. Description of Indian:- Medium height, clean shaven, very dark face, wearing glasses, dressed in European light brown clothes, grey turban and brown shoes.

Allen and this Indian entered into conversation and walked together along as far as Tiendong Road and Szechuen Road corner. Here the Indian took

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some papers from his pocket which he showed to Allen. After reading the papers, Allen tapped the Indian on the shoulder and seemed to be impressing something on him. They then walked to Szechuen and Haining Roads corner, where they met two other Indians, dressed in watchmen uniform. One of them is employed at No. 15 Museum Road. All entered into conversation and the papers previously shown to Allen were again examined, after which they walked South along North Szechuen Road for a little way, when the two Indian met at Haining Road left Allen and his companion, who got into rickshas and proceeded to the Paoshan Road Gurdwara, arriving there at 9 p.m. They remained in the Gurdwara 15 minutes, and when they came out the Indian was seen to be carrying a bundle of papers. They entered rickshas and proceeded South along North Szechuen Road and when near the Odeon Theatre they met two Chinese of the student type, dressed in European clothes. They stopped and all conversed together for about 10 minutes, after which Allen and the Indian entered their rickshas and went as far as Range Road where the rickshas were paid off and they then parted, Allen walking South along North Szechuen Road. The Indian walked to the "Stella" restaurant, No. 159 Range Road, occupied by Mr. Kusunin, where he stopped until 10 p.m. He then left and entering a ricksha



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proceeded to the Si Ta Lee Terrace off Scott Road, and entered either No. 5, 6 or 7, but as the agent could not follow too closely he was not sure of the exact number. In about 2 minutes the Indian came out and proceeded by ricksha to 142 Szechuen Road (boarding house occupied by Mrs. Danford, American), where he remained for 15 minutes. When he left he did not have the bundle of papers received at the Gurdwara. He then proceeded to No. 15 Museum Road and spoke to the Indian Watchman there. This watchman was one of the two met at Haining Road and North Szechuen Road earlier in the evening. After a few minutes he left and proceeded as far as Kungping and Tongshan Roads corner where the agent lost sight of him owing to several motor cars getting in the way. It was then 11.15 p.m.

Subsequent enquiries at the "Stella" restaurant prove that the Indian was Erappa of the China Press. Chits which he signed at the restaurant attached herewith.

*W. Keenan.*  
D. S. I.

D. C.

(C. & S. Branches)

*[Handwritten signature]*  
5:51 p.m.

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REPORT

Foreign Section, Station,

Date May 1, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

May 1st. At 8.45 a.m. Allen left the Y.M.C.A. and walked to the Post Office where he remained for two minutes. He then entered a ricsa and proceeded to the Russian Chocolate Store, North Szechuen and Range Roads corner. Here he made a small purchase and then returned to the Y.M.C.A. at 9.15 a.m. At 10.40 a.m. a foreigner entered the Y.M.C.A. (probably Mr. Hayes, American, teacher in the Y.M.C.A. and residing at No. 90 Route de Say Zoong). This foreigner left at 12.30 p.m. and returned at 2.30 p.m. in company with another foreigner and a Chinese. At 4.10 p.m. this party went out with Allen and left in motor car No. 8069. They did not return up to 8 p.m. when the watch terminated.

Car No. 8069 is the property of Waung Ts Kwang c/o Shanghai College.

D. S. I.

D. C.

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C.I.D. RECORDS

No. I.C.D. 828.

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TO THIS LETTER

POLICE HEAD QUARTERS,  
HONG KONG.

No. C.I.D. 631/1925.

8th May, 1930.

Your Ref: I.C.D. D. 323.

Sir,

RE. WILLIAM DANJAIR ALLEN.

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks,

the receipt of your letter dated 1st May, 1930,

the contents of which have been noted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

*W. H. S. H.*  
P. Inspector General of Police.

The Deputy Commissioner,  
Crime & Special Branches,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,  
SHANGHAI.

I.O. D.828

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL P.D.
C. I. D. REGIST.
No. I. O. D. 828.
Date... 1... 5... 30.

May 1, 30.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge, with thanks receipt of your letter C.I.D. 631/1925 dated April 17, regarding William Dangaik Allen alias William Dangaico alias William Allen.

Allen, who arrived here on April 11 on the s.s. "Angers", resided for one day at the Navy Y.M.C.A. and the following day, April 12, he removed to the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Szechuen Road, where he occupies Room No. 16.

Since his arrival observation has been kept on his movements, but so far we have been unable to establish his connection, if any, with Communistic elements in Shanghai.

The watch on his movements is being maintained and any fresh information of interest will be communicated to you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

*S. C. A.*

Deputy Commissioner  
(Crime & Special Branches)

Director Criminal Investigation,

Police Headquarters,

Hongkong.

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REPORT

Foreign Section, Station,

Date May 1, 1930

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

April 29th.

At 10.30 a.m. Allen was visited by the Chinese, Siau Kuo Hwa (蕭國華), who remained in his room until 11.30 a.m. when he left. Nothing further was reported during the day.

With reference to above it is believed that Allen is studying the Chinese language. Corroboration of this is being sought.

April 30th.

Allen was not seen to leave the Y.M.C.A. from 9 a.m. until 5.20 p.m. when he left by ricksha and visited the Post Office where he posted a letter. He then walked back via Soochow Road and Museum Road. Was not seen to leave up to 9 p.m. when watch terminated.

  
D. S. I.

D. C.

(C. & S. Branches)

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BE QUOTED IN REFERENCE  
TO THIS LETTER.

**POLICE HEADQUARTERS,  
HONG KONG,**

17th April, 1930.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No.I.O.D.828,  
dated the 2nd April, 1930, and further to my  
telegram of 10th April, 1930, I have the honour  
to forward a precis of the recent movements of  
William Dangaik Allen, alias William Dangaie,  
alias William Allen.

He appears to have spent very little  
time in Hong Kong and while here did not come  
to the notice of this department.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*[Signature]*  
Director of Criminal Intelligence.

The Director of Criminal Investigation,

Shanghai Municipal Council,

SHANGHAI.

*29/4/30.*  
*Foreign Section,*  
*Please prepare summary*  
*in form of reply to*  
*Hongkong.* *[Signature]*

Precis.

William Dangaik Allen, alias William Dangaise, alias William Dangaix, suspected Communist, is stated to be an American journalist, a student of International relations and to be the son of Dr. W. H. Allen of New York City.

His description is as follows:-

26/27 years of age, tall, slim,  
clean-shaven and wearing spectacles.

He is reported to speak French and German fluently and to have a slight knowledge of Italian and Spanish. For the past three years Allen has been travelling in Europe and arrived in India about July, 1939, where he taught English in Dr. R. N. Tagore's Santiniketan, Bolpur. He was interested in the Youth Movement, and whilst in Calcutta attended, in khaddar clothes, the recent Congress of the North Calcutta District Youth Association. In connection with his visit to the Far East, he visited the Kuomintang representative in Calcutta to ascertain the cost of living in China. It is stated that he wished to study the question of the Singapore base and local mineral resources there.

He is in possession of a third class passage from France to Shanghai, which is valid for two years.

He left Colombo on the 27th January for Singapore, where he stayed for three days, leaving for Bangkok on the 31st January, which journey he made overland. Whilst in Singapore he was under surveillance, but his movements disclosed nothing suspicious. He arrived in Hong Kong from Saigon on the 26th February last, per s.s. "Chenonceaux". On 27.2.50. he left instructions with the American Consulate, Hong Kong, to forward all mail, c/o Post Restante, Manila. The name of W. Allen was shown as a 3rd class passenger from Manila to Hong Kong on the s.s. "Empress of Russia", arriving 6.4.50, but no trace of his going there can be found. He left for Shanghai on 8th April per s.s. "Angers" leaving instructions for future mail to be forwarded to the American Consulate, Shanghai.

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REPORT

Foreign Section Station,

Date April 28, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch Kept On W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan. Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

As the services of the two Chinese agents engaged on above work are proving unsatisfactory, I respectfully suggest that one Russian agent be engaged in their place to do the work. For the past two days a Russian detective has been detailed to keep additional watch on Allen as he sometimes visits the Astor House and Palace Hotels where it is impossible for the Chinese agent to enter without causing comment.

Today, April 28th, the agent who was on duty at 9 a.m. did not follow Allen when he left the Y.M.C.A. at 11.30 a.m. Allen at that time visited several exchange shops and the Navy Y.M.C.A. restaurant with a Chinese. As it is impossible to continually supervise them there is a possibility that such lapses will occur in the future and we would therefore be unable to keep a proper check on Allen's movements.

Two agents are meantime employed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 3 to 9 p.m. at a cost of \$1.00 each per day. A Russian agent could be employed at \$2.00 per day and would do duty of 9 hours per day. Any additional supervision on Allen's movements could be carried out by detectives attached to this Section.

In this manner I am sure far more reliable information could be obtained.

*W. Duncan*  
D. S. I.

D. C.

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Foreign Section Station,

Date April 29, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

April 25th. Allen left his room at 10.30 a.m. and went by ricscha to Astor House Hotel. Stayed there until 11.15 a.m. when he returned by ricscha to the Y.M.C.A. Was not seen to leave the premises up to 9 p.m. when watch terminated.

April 26th. Allen was not seen to leave the Y.M.C.A.

April 27th. Allen left the Y.M.C.A. at 10.30 a.m. and visited H.B.M. Consulate returning to his room at 11 a.m. Was not seen to leave up to 9 p.m. when watch terminated.

April 28th. Allen left his room at 11.10 a.m. along with a Chinese, whose name is believed to be Siau Kuo Hwa (蕭國華) and visited the Navy Y.M.C.A. They remained there until 1.40 p.m. and then visited the American Consulate where they remained for 5 minutes and then returned to the Y.M.C.A. Allen again left at 3.40 p.m. and walked around the Public Gardens for 15 minutes, then returned to Y.M.C.A. by ricscha. Did not leave again up to 9 p.m. when watch terminated.

*[Signature]*

D. S. I.

D. C.

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REPORT

Foreign Section Station,

Date April 25, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

April 22th. Allen did not leave Y.M.C.A. during the period from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

April 23rd. Allen remained in his room until 4.30 p.m. when he walked to the British Consulate. He stayed in the Consulate for 20 minutes and then walked to the Palace Hotel where he remained for one hour and then returned to the Y.M.C.A. Did not leave up to 9 p.m. when watch terminated.

April 24th. Left Y.M.C.A. at 1.30 p.m., walked to Post Office and posted two letters. Went by ricksha to Palace Hotel at 1.45 p.m. and remained for half an hour and then returned to Y.M.C.A. Left at 6.30 p.m. and proceeded to Astor House Hotel where he remained until 8 p.m. and then returned to his room. Did not come out up to 9 p.m. when watch terminated.

*D. S. I.*  
D. S. I.

D. C.

(C. & S. Branches)

*Foreign Section,  
Continue watch and  
supplement present efforts in  
the manner spoken.*  
*J. H. G.*  
25:4:30.

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REPORT

Foreign Section. Station,

Date April 22, 1930.

Subject (in full)

Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

April 21st.

Allen left the Y.M.C.A. at 4.20 p.m.

and walked to the Public Gardens.

In the Gardens he met a male foreigner,  
aged about 40, to whom he talked for a  
few minutes and then read over a  
letter to him. Left together at  
5.40 p.m. and separated when Allen  
returned to his room.

*W. Duncan*  
D. S. I.

D. C.

(C. & S. Branches)

*D.C.  
(C. & S. Branches)*

*Arrangements will be  
made to have any person, whom  
Allen meets in this way again,  
followed.*

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*to (C.S.)  
Have note  
that have files  
must be done  
under cover  
27/4*

*Noted. *W*  
23:4:30.*

*22:4:30.*

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REPORT

Foreign Section, Station,

Date April 21, 1930.

Subject (in full) Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

April 17th. Allen left the Y.M.C.A. at 8.15 a.m. before watch was commenced and returned at 11.40 a.m. Did not leave his room again that day up to 9 p.m. when watch was discontinued.

April 18th. Remained in room until 3.40 p.m. when he walked to the Dih Hwa Book Coy, 139 Szechuen Road and purchased two books. Then walked to Whiteaway & Laidlaw where he examined the goods in the shop windows for about 10 minutes and then went by ricsha to Wing On Coy, Nanking Road where he purchased two small packets of food. Returned to his room at 5.40 p.m. Again left at 7.50 p.m. and proceeded by ricsha to the Nanking Theatre, 523 Avenue Ed. VII. Returned to Y.M.C.A. at 11.10 p.m.

April 19th. Allen left Y.M.C.A. at 4.30 p.m. and walked to Palace Hotel where he remained until 5.20 p.m. and then walked to Post Office. Bought some stamps and posted a letter. Returned to room at 6 p.m. Left at 8.40 p.m. and proceeded by ricsha to 25 Rue Chu Pao San, French Concession (New Munn Cafe). Returned to Y.M.C.A. at 9.30 p.m.

April 20th. Allen remained in his room until 5.20 p.m. when he proceeded by ricsha to the Palace Hotel. Returned to his room at 6.30 p.m. and did not leave again up to 9.20 p.m. when watch was terminated.

*D. S. I.*

D. S. I.

D. C. (C. & S. Branches)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Foreign Section. Station,

Date April 17, 1930.

Subject (in full)

Watch on W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

April 16th.

Allen remained in his room until

4.30 p.m. when he proceeded to the  
Post Office and posted a letter.

He then walked to the Public Gardens  
where he remained until 6.30 p.m.

and then returned to the Y.M.C.A.

Left again at 8 p.m. and proceeded to  
the Carlton Theatre where he remained  
until 11.40 p.m. and then returned  
to the Y.M.C.A. by ricksha.

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D. S. I.

D. C.

(C. & S. Branches)

*D.C. (C. & S. Branches)*

*Information*

*17:41:30.*

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Foreign Section, Station,

Date April 16, 1930.

Subject (in full) W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by

Thos. Robertson C.D.

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A watch is being maintained on him and to date his movements are as follows:-

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April 14th. Was not seen to leave the premises during the day.

April 15th. Watch commenced, 9 a.m. Allen left Y.M.C.A. at 11 a.m. and proceeded to the American Consulate where he made enquiries at the passport office. Left Consulate and proceeded to Post Office where he wrote and posted a letter. Left Post Office at 12 noon, proceeded to Navy Y.M.C.A., remained there 10 minutes and then returned to Chinese Y.M.C.A. Was not seen to leave up to 9 p.m. when watch terminated.

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D. S. I.

D. C.

(C. & S. Branches)

AC (CP.)

Such files might be  
perused under cover as  
the slightest idea that  
a being watched would  
defeat our object.

16/4

AC

For Sec. Please note remarks of D.C. (C.S. Branches)  
and pass same subject under cover fitting  
reports in this subject.

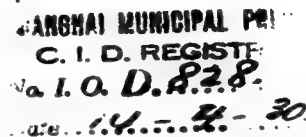
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April 14, 30.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge, with many thanks, receipt of your telegram of April 12, which reads as follows:-

"Reference your letter of 2nd inst.

I.O.D. 828, Allen was passenger to

Shanghai 8th steamship "Angers".

"L. Allen arrived here on April 11, and is now residing in the Navy Y.M.C.A., Szechuen Road, Shanghai.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

A/ Director of Criminal Investigation.

Director of Criminal Investigation,

Police Headquarters,

Hongkong.



April 14. 30.

SECRET & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Blackburn,

With reference to your letter of April 2 W.D. Allen arrived in Shanghai at noon April 11 on the s.s. "Lagers".

He is residing in Room No. 603, Navy Y.M.C.A. Szechuen Road.

A watch is now being kept on his movements.

Yours sincerely,

*Lee*

A. D. Blackburn Esq.,

R.S.M. Consulate-General,

Shanghai.

*MS*

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign Section. Station,

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

Date April 11, 1930.

Subject (in full) W.D. Allen.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan.

Forwarded by

*Thos Robertson*

W.D. Allen arrived in Shanghai at 12 noon, April 11th on the s.s. "Angers." He proceeded by tramcar to The Bund, North end and then walked through the British Consulate Grounds, but whether he visited anyone in the Consulate is not known.

He is residing in Room 603 of the Navy Y.M.C.A., Szechuen Road.

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D. S. I.

A/D. C. I.

*Reg. Please draft letter to Mr Blackburn giving above information.*

*12/4/30*

*Foreign Section,  
Please arrange to have Allen carefully watched and submit reports daily, giving particulars of the ~~fact~~ people he visits and the people who visit him. Please arrange to have photos reproduced.*

*12/4/30*

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Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

To

Shanghai. 10:41. 1930  
*Reg*

*Please pass to  
Foreign Section for  
attention and  
acknowledge telegram  
early.*

*[Signature]*

1074/30.

Reg.

Please attach  
papers.



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SECRET

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE,  
C. I. D. REGISTRY SHANGHAI.  
No. I. O. D. 828.  
Date... 10 - 4 - 30.  
April 11 1930.

My dear Aiers,

Many thanks for your letter No. I-O- D.828 of April 2nd 1930, on the subject of W.D.ALLEN. A recently intercepted letter written by him, copy of which I received from India, contained the following: "When I imagine to myself more carefully "the physical difficulties of such a project re China as I have been "talking on, I am aghast. Not as to permanent conditions but I have "had the hope of doing the whole starting while you were there. But "as I must apparently know a smattering of Chinese and know a lot "about Chinese and Europeans to be met, before I could launch the "thing seriously, I fear you wont see much actually done while you are there"

I do not know what it is he proposes to launch, but it is fairly clear that he intends to visit China sooner or later.

Yours sincerely,

*A. Blackburn*

R.C.Aiers, Esq.,

Director of Criminal Investigation,

Shanghai Municipal Police,

SHANGHAI.

REF YOUR LETTER OF 2nd INST I.O.D.828 ALLEN WAS PASSENGER

TO SHANGHAI 8th STEAMSHIP "ANGERS".

*Ex: Lines.  
AC (Pol)  
Ba.*

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*... was passengers to Shanghai*  
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I.O. D.828

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POL.
C. I. D. REGISTRY
No I. O. D. 828
Date 3 - 4 - 30

April 2, 30.

Dear Mr. Blackburn,

With reference to my letter of February 18, it has been learned that W.D. Allen arrived from Saigon by the s.s. "Chennanceaux" on February 26, 1930 in Hongkong, and thence proceeded to Manila, and, so far as can be learned, he does not intend to visit Shanghai.

I shall endeavour to obtain fuller particulars about him and confirmation of the above information from the Hongkong Police.

Yours sincerely,



A. D. Blackburn Esq.,

H.B.M. Consulate-General,

Shanghai.



April 2, 30.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that you will kindly send me any information in your possession regarding an alleged Communist named William Dangaik Allen, who, according to a report made to us, visited Hongkong in February 1930.

William Dangaik Allen, who is a journalist by profession, is reported to be a son of Dr. W.H. Allen of New York City. After having travelled for some time in India, he departed in the early part of 1930 for the Far East. He first visited Singapore and afterwards Indo-China. He proceeded from the latter place by the s.s. "Chenonceaux" to Hongkong, where he arrived on February 26, 1930.

Allen is tall, slim, clean shaven and is said to be 26 or 27 years old.

Any particulars about him, which you be good enough to send me, will be greatly appreciated.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

  
A/Director of Criminal Investigation.

Director of Criminal Investigation,

Police Headquarters,

Hongkong.





POLITICAL BRANCH  
(FOREIGN SECTION)

DATE 3-3-30

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

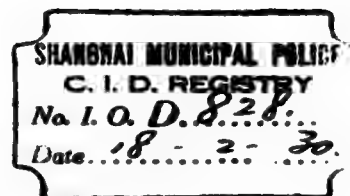
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Sir,

With reference to attached, information has been received that Allen left Saigon for Hongkong arriving in the latter place on the s.s. "Chenonceaux" on or about February 26. It is now reported that he has left for Manila and that he does not intend to visit Shanghai. In this connection I respectfully suggest that a letter be sent to the Hongkong Police requesting information on the subject.

*Whence*  
D. S. I.

A/D. C. I.



February 18, 30.

Dear Mr. Blackburn,

With reference to your letter of February 13, J. D. Allen, who is in possession of a 3rd class passage from Colombo to Shanghai, left the s.s. "Porthos" at Singapore. Before disembarking he arranged with the passage master to have two trunks, which he left on board, but ashore at Saigon, and his wishes in this matter were duly observed.

A watch will be kept for Allen's arrival in Shanghai, and any fresh information obtained will be communicated to you without delay.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in ink, appearing to be "L. A.", written below the "Yours sincerely,".

A. D. Blackburn Esq.,

H. C. Consulate-General,

Shanghai.

A large, stylized handwritten signature or set of initials in the bottom left corner of the page.

POLITICAL BRANCH  
(FOREIGN SECTION)

DATE 17-2-30

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

C. I. D. REGISTRY

No. I. O. D. 828

Date 19-2-30

Sir,

With reference to attached letter dated January 23, 1930 on the subject of William Dongrie Allen, the s.s. "Arcthos" was not on her arrival here at 3:30 p.m. February 15 but Allen was not aboard.

Enquiries showed that he had travelled as far as Singapore and two of his trunks were forwarded to Saigon as he intends to visit that place in the near future. Allen is in possession of a third class ticket from Colombo to Shanghai.

In the event of his arrival in Shanghai, a report will at once be submitted.

W. H. K. S. I.

D. S. I.

D. S. I.

Reg for draft of letter please

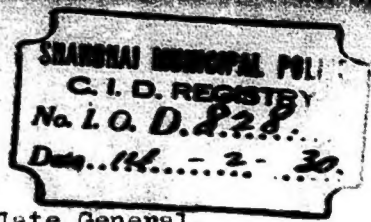
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Mr. Cole.

Both letters quoted  
in Mr. Blackburn's  
letter are now with  
the Foreign Section.

The number is D. 228

File on Leadley is  
attached.

Foreign Section,  
For reprint in due  
course.  
J. H.



H.B.M. Consulate General,

Shanghai.

February 13th, 1930.

My dear Aiers,

With reference to Colonel Halland's letter of January 23rd, 1930 on the subject of W.D.Allen, I now enclose two passport photos of this man which I have received from India.

I am also informed that, from subsequent inquiries, it now seems almost certain that Allen and Leadley (see last para. of Colonel Halland's letter of December 31st) are not identical.

Yours sincerely

*A.D. Hackburn*

R.C.Aiers, Esq.,

C.I.D.,

S.M.P.

SECRET

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL  
BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL.  
C. I. D. REGIST.  
No. I. O. D. 828. SHANGHAI.

Date. 24 - 1 - 30.  
January 23, 1930.

My dear Aiers,

With reference to my letter of the 31st December 1929 on the subject of a suspected Communist named WILLIAM DANZAIK ALLEN, I have just received information from India by telegram that this individual is reported to be sailing from Colombo for China on the 23rd January in the s.s. "Porthos".

Yours sincerely,

*C. H. R. Hall.*

R. C. Aiers, Esq.,

Director of Criminal Investigation,

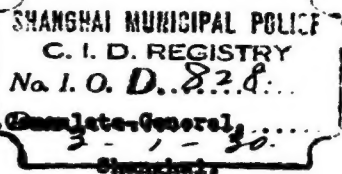
Shanghai Municipal Police,

Shanghai.

*Foreign Section,  
For attention please  
J.H. 24.1.30*

SECRET

H.B.M. ~~Complete~~ General, .....



31st December 1929.

My dear Aiers,

I have received information from India that a suspected Communist named William Dangaik Allen recently came to notice in Calcutta. He is stated to be an American journalist, a student of International relations and a son of Dr W.H.Allen of New York City. He is reported to speak French and German fluently and to have a slight knowledge of Italian and Spanish. He arrived in India from Europe about August 1929 and has been taking an interest in political movements. In connection with his visit to the Far East he paid a visit to the Kuomintang representative in Calcutta by whom he was recommended to write to Ganda Singh, the secretary of the Eastern Oppressed Peoples Association at Nanking. After attending the Indian National Conference at Lahore, he proposes to leave India for China via Colombo about the end of January 1930, staying at Singapore, Hongkong and in Indo-China en route. His description is as follows:-

26/27 years of age, tall, slim, clean shaven, wearing spectacles.

There is some possibility that Allen may be identical with the C.P. Leader referred to in the correspondence ending with your letter No D 528 of the 20th November 1929.

Yours sincerely,

C.H.R. Hall & L.

R.C.Aiers Esq.,

Director of Criminal Investigation,  
Shanghai Municipal Council.

*Foreign Section  
For careful inquiry and report  
Please.*

*M.H. 3/12/29*